

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1947

As of the date of this report, the Wilson Ornithological Club has 1,562 Members, the highest number the Club has ever attained. During 1947 we gained 372 Members and lost, from all causes, 111—a net gain of 261 Members.

One of the 372 new Members is a Life Member; the others are divided as follows: Sustaining Members, 14; Active Members, 100; Associate Members, 257.

The total present membership, by classes, with corresponding figures for 1946 in parentheses, is:

Founders	2	(2)
Life Members	57	(44)
Sustaining Members	106	(72)
Active Members	557	(449)
Associate Members	840	(734)

During the year, Walter F. Scott did a splendid job as Chairman of the Membership Committee in offering to great numbers of persons the opportunity to join the Club, and he is to be congratulated on his fine work.

We now have Members resident in every State in the Union, in most of the Provinces of Canada, and in many foreign countries. Although not a complete membership tally by State and country, the following list gives the geographical distribution of the majority of our Members: California, 61; Illinois, 90; Indiana, 31; Iowa, 50; Massachusetts, 54; Michigan, 113; Minnesota, 54; Missouri, 40; New Jersey, 27; New York, 134; Ohio, 153; Pennsylvania, 71; Wisconsin, 86; Canada, 59.

Your new Secretary has enjoyed his work and was particularly impressed by the splendid cooperation given him by the other Officers and the Members.

All of the statistics of membership contained in this report were furnished by our Treasurer, Burt L. Monroe. With so large a membership, it requires a tremendous amount of labor to keep records of the Members clear and up to date, and the Treasurer's generous donation of time and effort deserves the commendation of the entire membership.

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1947.

James B. Young, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE FOR 1947

During the past year there have been no new affiliations with the Club, and it would seem that it is time to consolidate the affiliations already existing and to seek new ways to increase their value.

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant, for which Members of the Affiliated Societies, as well as Members of the Wilson Ornithological Club, are eligible, is one bond of union already established.

It was gratifying to have many members of our most recent affiliate, the Brooks Bird Club of West Virginia, taking an active part in the 1947 Annual Meeting. It augurs well that the next Annual Meeting is to be held in association with another of our affiliates, the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology.

We would like to see such things as active exchange of visitors, journals, program ideas, cooperation in research projects, and joint action on conservation matters develop between the affiliates and our Club. Suggestions are invited from Members of the Club and from Members of the Affiliated Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1947.

Gordon M. Meade, M.D., *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 1947

During 1947, this Committee carried on considerable correspondence in attempts to procure good photographs as illustrations for *The Wilson Bulletin*, and the Chairman prepared the distribution map to illustrate C. L. Broley's article, "The Migration and Nesting of Florida Bald Eagles," that appeared in the March issue of the *Bulletin*, as well as a sketch map used with Angus Gavin's paper on the birds of Perry River District, published in the December issue.

The Committee communicated with about 35 bird artists regarding the donation of pictures for the auction held at the 1947 Annual Meeting for the benefit of European ornithologists. The results of the auction are given in the Treasurer's report.

The Committee is still on the lookout for outstanding photographs of either rarely photographed birds or particularly interesting shots of better known birds for use in *The Wilson Bulletin*.

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1947.

W. J. Breckenridge, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1947

Balance as shown by last report, dated Dec. 31, 1946.....	\$ 37.35
<i>Receipts</i> , Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1947	
Dues:	
Associate	1635.65
Active	1674.00
Sustaining	535.00
Subscriptions to <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>	205.50
Sale of back issues of <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i> and of reprints	258.83
Interest from Endowment Fund	147.94
Proceeds of auction of paintings for relief of European Ornithologists	1058.00
Contributions to Library Book Fund	11.10
Gifts; miscellaneous receipts	5.74
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Total receipts	\$5569.11
<i>Disbursements</i>	
<i>The Wilson Bulletin</i> : printing, engraving, mailing	\$2672.83
Purchase of back issues of <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>	65.00
President's expense: printing, postage	22.33
Editor's expense: reprints, postage, secretarial aid	352.48
Secretary's expense: stationery, postage, clerical aid	394.47
Treasurer's expense: stationery, postage, clerical aid	80.61
Membership Committee's expense: postage, printing	418.57
Contribution to European Ornithologists Relief Fund	1068.00
Purchase of books for Library	7.00
Bank charges; foreign exchange, corporation papers, bond of Treasurer, and miscellaneous expenses	17.43
Annual meeting expense	290.18
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Total disbursements	\$5388.90
Balance on hand in Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Co., Louisville, Kentucky	180.21
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	\$5569.11

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANT FUND (special gift) ..\$ 600.00

ENDOWMENT FUND

Cash balance in savings account, Dec. 31, 1946	\$1337.38
<i>Received during year:</i>	
Interest on U. S. bonds and on savings account	147.94
Life Membership payments	1375.00
Total	<u>\$2860.32</u>
Transferred to checking account (interest)	147.94
Purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F, dated Feb. 1, 1947	1480.00
Bank charge (State tax)94
Total	<u>\$1628.88</u>
Balance	\$1231.44
Bonds:	
U. S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds, dated July 1, 1935	\$ 780.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series C, dated Aug. 1, 1938 (maturity value, \$1075.00)	1032.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, dated Sept. 1, 1943 (maturity value, \$1000.00)	947.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, dated Dec. 20, 1944 (maturity value, \$1500.00)	1426.50
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, dated July 1, 1945 (maturity value, \$900.00)	860.40
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, dated Oct. 1, 1945 (maturity value, \$1400.00)	1346.80
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F, dated Feb. 1, 1947 (maturity value \$2000.00)	1480.00
Total	<u>\$9104.14</u>
Total Endowment Fund	\$9104.14

Note: Bonds are listed at their present redeemable value.

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1947.

Burt L. Monroe, *Treasurer.*

Approved by Auditing Committee

Russel Burget

Harold Wing

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 1947

At the beginning of the calendar year of 1947 the Wilson Ornithological Club had a total of 1,301 Members. An organized campaign was planned to invite interested bird students to join the Club. To begin this campaign, more than 100 Members voluntarily nominated some 300 of their acquaintances interested in ornithological subjects. Sending invitations to this group was the first job of the Membership Committee. During the period of the active campaign, which started about April 20, approximately 5,000 invitations to membership were sent out by the Committee, which included 15 members distributed throughout the country. The present membership figures, with the corresponding figures for 1946, are given in the report of the Secretary.

The Chairman of the Committee wishes to thank all of the Members of the Club who assisted in this campaign. Special thanks are due to the Officers of the Club for their timely advice and assistance, and especially to the members of the Committee, among whom the following did outstanding work: Rev. John W. Baechle, Indiana; Mrs. Doris H. Speirs, Ontario; David Damon, Nebraska; Eugene Eisenmann, New York; C. J. Henry, North Dakota; and Henry Parker, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1947.

Walter E. Scott, *Chairman*.

WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB APPOINTMENTS FOR 1948

The President has appointed the following to serve during 1948:

Committees—

Membership Committee. Dorothy M. Hobson, *Chairman*. Seth H. Low, *Vice-Chairman*. George H. Breiding, David Damon, Eugene Eisenmann, S. B. Heckler, C. J. Henry, Samuel W. Lesher, Arthur B. Mickey, W. E. Scott, Doris H. Speirs, Leonard Wing, Merrill Wood.

Affiliated Societies Committee. Charles L. Conrad, *Chairman*. Gordon M. Meade, *Member-at-large*; Russell DeGarmo (Brooks Bird Club); J. Fred Denton, Jr. (Georgia Ornithological Society); O. A. Stevens (Inland Bird-Banding Association); Leonard C. Brecher (Kentucky Ornithological Society); Adrian C. Fox (Nebraska Ornithologists' Union); James T. Tanner (Tennessee Ornithological Society); J. J. Murray (Virginia Society of Ornithology); Clarence S. Jung (Wisconsin Society for Ornithology).

Wildlife Conservation Committee. H. Albert Hochbaum, *Chairman*. John M. Anderson, Clarence Cottam, Harrison F. Lewis.

Illustrations Committee. Terence M. Shortt, *Chairman*. Walter J. Breckenridge, Richard P. Grossenheider, Hal H. Harrison, Karl H. Maslowski, Robert M. Mengel, Roger Tory Peterson.

Endowment Fund Committee. Harold F. Wing, *Chairman*. Mrs. Herbert E. Carnes, Fred T. Hall.

Library Committee. Harold F. Mayfield, *Chairman*. Edward F. Dana, Arthur E. Staebler, Rowland S. Wilson.

European Relief Committee. Frances Hamerstrom, *Chairman*. John T. Emlen, Jr., Theodora G. Melone, Carl Welty.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant Committee. John T. Emlen, Jr., *Chairman*. George H. Lowery, Jr., Ernst Mayr, Margaret M. Nice, Frank A. Pitelka, Josselyn Van Tyne.

Local Committee on Arrangements for the Thirtieth Annual Meeting. John T. Emlen, Jr., *Chairman*. Nicholas E. Collias, Frederick Greeley, James B. Hale, J. J. Hickey, Robert A. McCabe, A. W. Schorger, Walter E. Scott, Daniel Q. Thompson, Donald R. Thompson, Harold R. Wolfe, Howard Young, Fred R. Zimmerman.

Program Committee. James B. Young, *Chairman*. Harold F. Mayfield, Josselyn Van Tyne.

Representative of the Wilson Ornithological Club on the American Ornithologists' Union Council—Burt L. Monroe.

Trustees of the Club, appointed by Past President George Miksch Sutton, with their terms of office, are as follows: James Henry Bruns (1947-49), R. Allyn Moser (1947-48), A. W. Schorger (1948-50).

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1947

This Committee conceives its purpose to be dual: to increase the resources of the Wilson Ornithological Club Library and to make sure that the Library's facilities are known to all Members of the Club. During 1947 the Committee has directed its efforts toward this end.

Although a number of Members have been very generous in their donations to the Library, special mention should be made of the recent contributions of two men: 51 books and 372 bulletins and reprints, donated by Lynds Jones; Beebe's monumental 4-volume "Monograph of the Pheasants" (1918-22), donated by Herbert L. Stoddard. Total donations to the Library, as reported in the four *Bulletins* of 1947, are: bulletins and reprints, 867; books, 76.

In the June 1947 *Bulletin* appeared an announcement of a Book Purchase Fund to which Members might contribute for the purchase of recently published books for the Library. Contributions to this fund in recent months have made possible the purchase of "Darwin's Finches" (1947), by David Lack, and "Modern Bird Study" (1945), by Ludlow Griscom.

The Committee would like to enlist the assistance of all interested Club Members in writing people who have books and reprints suitable for the Library.

The Committee acknowledges the help it has received from the Officers of the Club, particularly from the Editor of the *Bulletin*.

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1947

Harold F. Mayfield, *Chairman*.

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB LIBRARY

The following gifts have been recently received. From:

Elizabeth B. Beard—3 reprints	Robert M. Mengel—11 reprints
Ralph Beebe—16 magazines	D. S. Miller—11 magazines
Adrian C. Fox—2 reprints	Margaret M. Nice—1 book
Ludlow Griscom—61 reprints	Eugene P. Odum—7 reprints
Fr. Haverschmidt—7 reprints	Walter E. Scott—1 bulletin, 3 journals
Haven Kolb—7 bulletins	W. E. Clyde Todd—9 reprints
Amelia R. Laskey—9 reprints	Wilson Tout—1 book
George H. Lowery, Jr.—9 reprints	Josselyn Van Tyne—2 books, 2 bulletins
Robert A. McCabe—1 periodical (6 vol. set)	Lawrence H. Walkinshaw—2 reprints
Harold Mayfield—1 book	K. A. Wodzicki—7 reprints
Rosario Mazzeo—1 book	

Among the recent gifts are Trelease and Yule's "Preparation of Scientific and Technical Papers" (3rd ed., 1936); Fr. Haverschmidt's "Faunistisch Overzicht van de Nederlandsch Broedvogels" (1942); and a number of standard State and local lists, as well as the new "Lincoln County [Nebraska] Birds" by Wilson Tout (1947). Also included are several recently published non-technical books on birds: Malcolm MacDonald's "The Birds of Brewery Creek" (1947); J. J. Murray's "Wild Wings" (1947); H. H. Kopman's "Wild Acres" (1946); R. M. Saunders' "Flashing Wings" (1947); and Phyllis Barclay-Smith's "Garden Birds" (1946), with its splendid reproductions of some of the Gould plates.

With the Book Purchase fund, the Library Committee has purchased Griscom's "Modern Bird Study" (1945) and David Lack's "Darwin's Finches" (1947).

Information on the use of the Library will be found on the inside front cover of each issue of *The Wilson Bulletin*.